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## It Will at Least be Interesting

Canadian voters who voted gave their very inconclusive verdict on Monday for the government of Canada. Less than six million of the nine million voters went to the polls and exercised their right. The result showed dissatisfaction with the present Liberal party but failed to give the endorsement to the Diefenbaker party to govern Canada. The popular vote across the Dominion next morning showed the Liberals with 42 per cent, and the Conservatives with 39 per cent. Somewhere in the splinter groups or in the folks who failed to vote could have been found a decision which would have avoided the present stalemate.

The verdict on Monday was far from conclusive. Canada needs a strong opposition but mostly a government with strength enough to carry out its policies. The next session will be a most interesting one. It may be short but it will nonetheless be interesting. There will be no long week-ends for any of the members from Thursday to Tuesday.

The vote in Halton which is traditionally Conservative fell in line, only more so than usual, with the Dominion protest against a government which had been in power for 22 years.

The people at least endorsed the two old parties and showed that splinter groups have little hope of forming a government. These groups may, however, take more prominence in the next parliament and be very effective in setting the pattern of the next government. It will indeed be interesting and perhaps provide more headlines than have been witnessed in years and stimulate the lethargy of the voters in their affairs.

## Cows are Big Business

Canada's dairy business plans to thump its own drum with an intensive, nation-wide sales drive and campaign emphasizing the size and economic importance of the industry.

Canadian dairymen have something to be proud of. They are part of a \$1,000,000,000 industry in a nation of increasing population and rising income levels. And in foodstuffs, Canada supplies most of its own needs.

Canadians are the fifth largest consumers of dairy products in the world. The National Dairy Council estimates that last year each Canadian ate about 20 pounds of butter, drank 322 pints of milk and cream and consumed 6.4 pound of cheese and 16.5 pints of ice cream.

Nearly half of the 15,000,000,000 pounds of milk farmers sold last year went to make butter. Dairymen expect butter will have added sales appeal now that the health department has tagged butter as an excellent source of Vitamin A.

During the last five years, dairymen have found that stepped-up sales promotion has paid off in sales increases for every major dairy product.

And dairymen realize the business boom didn't come—and might not increase in size—without public prodding.

That's why the dairy council estimates processors and distributors will spend more than \$5,000,000 this year in various types of advertising and sales promotion activities.

## Million New Customers

Enough people to fill a brand new city almost as big as Metropolitan Toronto have come to Canada from other countries in the past seven years. But had these million immigrants who have arrived since 1949 been concentrated the resulting community would have been strikingly different from any other in the country, because most of these newcomers are young, in 20-30 age group, and over half of them are workers and will be for many years to come.

There can be little doubt, comments The Financial Post, that this immigration had added great new strength and growth to the Canadian economy.

## How do You Define "Culture"

Last week a Toronto newspaper reported on an event held at the C.N.E. automotive building. Thousands attended the carnival and "gambled to aid culture". The event aimed to raise \$50,000 and was sponsored by the Allied Arts committee, a group that supports opera, ballet and drama, according to report.

Let's quote from the item: "The biggest single attraction at the show is the sidewalk cafe where the citizens sit and drink and look at girls and act as if they were not from Toronto at all. And, although no one would suggest you try to duplicate it yourself, this set-up is entirely legal. The only police in sight are there to guard the bundles of cash."

It was reported as quite a show with women garbed as they were in the saloons back in the wild and woolly west and now seen in Gunsmoke or such programs on TV. This was in aid of culture of some kind.

We were in Ottawa early this year and walked around the gallery where a big banquet was in progress. Gratton O'Leary was the speaker and he gave as part of his address the definition of culture he liked. We liked it too and when we read that news item we searched for the quotation which is found in the Bible in Philippians, Chap. 4, and verse 8, and reads as follows:

"Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things."

We read again the article and looked again at the pictures accompanying it and wondered at the culture of today and St. Paul's words in the Bible. Somehow they didn't seem to go together.

There seems to be a wide variety of opinion on the true meaning of "culture". It's a pretty broad word that is rather loosely interpreted.

## Lads and Willow Whistles

That picture in our editorial page last week brought back boyhood memories of early summer when the leaves on the willows were coming out and the bark was pliable, and when every boy carried a jack knife of some kind and lads amused themselves by making willow whistles.

We had more time then and travel was mostly by foot. We found pleasure in making our own fun and often in the making of our own playthings. Money was really tight and even one cent would buy a treat. The sun shone on those early summer days and just to be out-of-doors and a day spent making a willow whistle was not wasted.

The making of a whistle is a work of art. Boys experimented until they got several whistles which produced different tunes. Naturally an up and coming young citizen would not be satisfied with just one whistle in his pockets to keep company, with the amazing collections that a boy's pockets regularly holds.

Country boys know that willows which grow beside a brook or pond are better for a whistle than those which grow on drier soil. The juices run richer and in more generous quantity between the bark and smooth wood. The bark has to be tapped loose, a clean-edged cut is made and a section cut out between the V-cut and the end which goes into the mouth.

Don't suppose any boy makes a willow whistle these days. There was some gratification in accomplishment in making them, however, that isn't possible from a store purchase these days. Maybe better whistles are obtainable in less time today but time was not so important then and patience was required.

## Outsiders Buying Real Estate

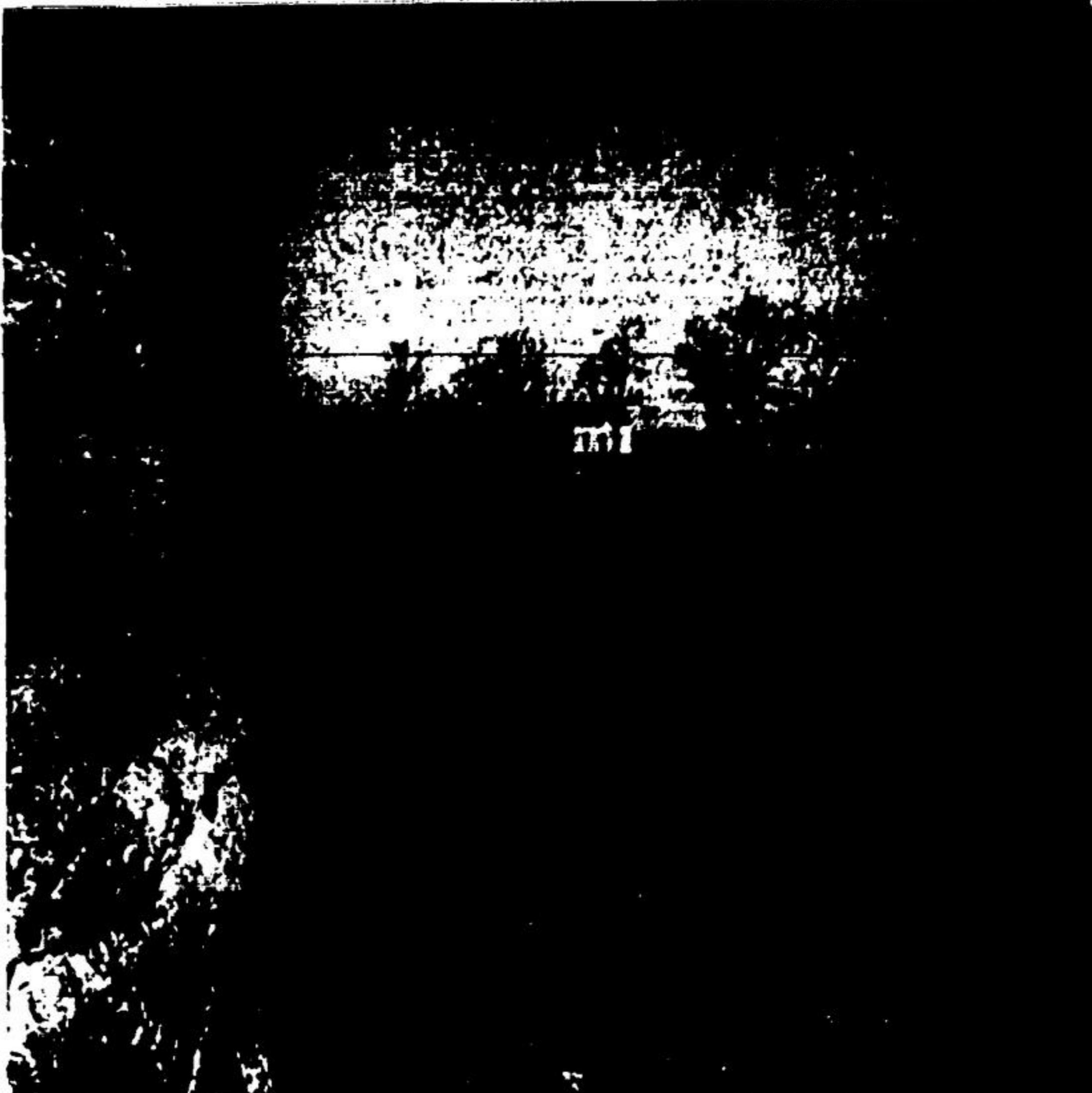
The Hong Kong purchase of the Oriole Rd. (Toronto) apartment building is the latest of a long series of major transactions involving U.S., Swiss and other foreign funds which has taken place in Canada since the turn of the year, reports The Financial Post.

In the first five months of the year more than \$18 million has been invested by U.S. interests in Canadian real estate. An interesting development is the increasing interest shown in British Columbia real estate possibilities by U.S. investment sources which previously tended to concentrate in Toronto and Montreal.

Perhaps those from other lands are more appreciative of Canadian opportunities than we Canadians are. We never like to hear an individual knock his town or his country and then condemn those who have faith and make a profit from their ventures. Opportunities are for all and sometimes being too close narrows the view.

## Brief Comment

There is no place on our highways for either speeders or slow-pokes. Both are a menace to safety.—Parkville (B.C.) Progress.



—Photo by Esther Taylor

## "Water Under the Bridge"

From Ginger Farm to Halfway House

## Adjustment Poses a Problem

By Gwendolyn F. Clarke

Our friends are beginning to find out where we live. Last Sunday we had three lots of visitors, one after another, and of course we were glad to see them all, especially as I had enough cake and cookies to go around. Not that I would have worried too much if I hadn't one can always get by on tea and toast.

Later in the week I took on a job of baby-sitting for Daughter. She is convener of the Girl Guides in her district who are taking part in the huge pageant to be presented at the Maple Leaf Gardens.

I went in on the day of rehearsal I imagine it was quite an affair with nearly 2,000 Guides and Brownies taking part. Daughter's telephone was ringing continually from the time I got to the house to the rehearsal. Good thing it isn't a party line!

After she had gone I took the boys to High Park playground. David on foot and Eddie in his push-cart. The entrance to the park is only a ten minute walk. The playground was full of pre-school-age youngsters with mother or father in charge.

And what a time they were having. Swings, slides, sand-pile and a hand-propelled merry-go-round. The playground must be a wonderful energy outlet for the many children who may not have so much as a backyard to play in at home. One mother said, the days her children came to the park they slept so much better at night.

As I watched the youngsters at play, I couldn't help thinking how lucky country children are who have a big farm garden to run around in—and probably dogs, cats

and kittens to play with. To my way of thinking the farm is still the best place to bring up a family.

The parents may not be over-supplied with money at the home, but also to those in the country from mother and child in lead a normal family life. They eat work and play together. And that is more than can be said for families where father is away to the office plant or factory before the children are up in the morning. When he returns at night he is tired, and sometimes irritable and so are his children.

It doesn't make for a happy family relationship. Such conditions apply not only to urban homes but also to those in the country from whence father commutes back and forth to Milton, Hamilton or Toronto—or wherever; his job happens to be. Conditions are even worse when father is on the night shift. Seems to me the family living in so many cases requires a lot of adjustment these days.

And when you pull up stakes and settle down in a new district just about saw red for awhile. You see, we haven't been in our new home long enough to be eligible for a vote here and because we were not at the farm the day the enumerators called, if they did call our names were left off the list. Now after 28 years' residence in one place, we shall have to be sworn in before we can vote. And we are not the only ones either. We hear a lot about padded voters

and what about the ones whose eligible voters are not listed. Surely one way is as bad as another.

Another of our adjustment worries has been mail delivery. On our old mail route there were two other Clarkes and of course we often got each other's mail. Now in our new location we find ourselves bracketed with yet another Clarke. Not only that but we get mail forwarded to us that belongs to the old route.

Very confusing isn't it? Before we moved we did our best to notify all those from whom we were likely to receive business or personal mail but there is always the odd unexpected letter. As for advertising literature, that's where we give up.

The same applies to the telephone. I put our phone number on most of my correspondence now, but it doesn't do much good. The very day I went baby-sitting, friends from a distance came to call—meant to phone but they had lost the number. I didn't get home until next day so I missed their calls. But we get plenty of phone calls other than our own. In fact it is hard to know for whom the calls are.

To close, here is a little nature story which was written by a boy along the line fence. There he found a flat stone with a carved inscription. This inscription read: Here lies a Whistle. How long and the little tombstone been there I wonder. Who owned the whistles was it captive or wounded? We shall never learn the answer but I got Partner to leave the stone as a way. That much we can do for the little songbird silent now, and whose story we shall never know.

## HORNBY

### Community Plans Park Improvement

The Hornby Community Park will be a busy place this week. It has been arranged to have the driveway and parking lot stoned and the flower beds planted. The new fence has been completed around the park and picnic tables are on the grounds. The Board hopes to have the grounds suitable for picnics in the near future.

The White Elephant Sale that was held on the Hornby ball park grounds last Wednesday evening was very successful. The ladies of Hornby United church had a good display of useful goods such as lamps, pictures, quilts, dishes, vases, mirrors, lamp shades, etc. Jack Elliott was the auctioneer, with Mrs. Gear Sinclair and Mrs. Lou Sampson helping as clerks. The home-made baking on the bake table was all sold.

The Hornby Boys' Ball Club played two home games last week. On June 4 they won over Haltonville with a score of 28-0 and on June 7 they won over Lowville with a score of 18-0.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pettwre celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on June 7.

Miss Barbara Pick of Burlington visited with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Saunders over the week-end.

# THE GOOD OLD DAYS

## BACK IN 1937

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, June 17, 1937.

Mr. James McCoskie, who has been a valued member of the Free Press staff, and the writer of many a column of the sports news of this paper, has secured a position in a printing plant at South Porcupine. "Jim" as all knew him, was one of the staff here for eight years. Was an enthusiast and player in Rural League hockey and popular among the folk of the community. All wish him success in his new northern home.

Plans are now under way for the opening of the Blue Springs Scout Reserve, three miles west of Acton. The Scout Mothers Auxiliary held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Van Goozen on Monday afternoon.

The June meeting of the Alert Y.W.A. of Knox church met at the home of Miss Margaret Brown last Tuesday.

Born in Acton on Wednesday, June 16, 1937, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sugackie (nee Mary Currie), a daughter.

The interior and exterior of Brown's fruit store are being renovated and greatly improved.

Sunday is Father's Day. All dutiful children may recall that Dad needs most anything but flowers and candy.

One of the best auction sales in this district in some time was that of John H. Bennett yesterday just west of Acton. Stock pieces were good and implements and farm equipment were all disposed of under the hammer, watched by auctioneer H. J. Kerr.

Sport fans and many friends are glad to welcome back to Acton, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Morton and babe.

The Halton District Women's Institute held its 36th annual meeting at Palermo last Tuesday when Mrs. J. E. Gamble was elected president.

In one of the wildest ball games played here in some seasons, Milton defeated Acton 23-17 on Saturday afternoon. The game went 10 innings and just about everything that could possibly happen happened during the three and a quarter hour struggle.

Acton used four pitchers including Cripps, Lambert, Morton and Lindsay who took over the mound duties in the tenth and in his last career with two out, walked off forcing in a run and struck out one.

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## THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

<b>BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON</b> Rev. Ray H. Costerua, Pastor Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave. Phone 206r SUNDAY, JUNE 16th, 1957 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. 7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Wednesday 8 p.m.—Mid-week service.	<b>UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA Acton, Ontario</b> Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D., Minister. Parsonage—20 Bower Avenue Phone 60 Mr. George Elliott, Organist and Choir Leader 78 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 6-
<b>PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH ACTON</b> Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, P.A., B.D. SUNDAY, JUNE 16th, 1957 9:45 a.m.—Church School and communion of all new Elders. 7:00 p.m.—Evening service with drum for Limestone anniversary.	<b>THE AMERICAN CHURCH OF CANADA</b> St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont. Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th., Pastor
<b>ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY</b> Meeting in the Y.M.C.A. Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave., 21 Cook St. Telephone 649r.	<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 16th, 1957 (Trinity Sunday)</b> 8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion. 9:45 a.m.—Church School. Address by Mr. H. W. Westwood, Anglican Indian Residential School, Smiths Falls. 11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Classes. 11:00 a.m.—Choral Communion and Corporate Communion for members of St. Alban's Guild. No evening service.